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COMING EVENTS

Good Sam

soup supper

Good Samaritan Family Services is sponsoring Share the Warmth, a benefit soup supper on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the town hall in Ellsworth, from 4:30 - 7 p.m. For your donation there will be soup, pizza, salad, bread, and homemade dessert. Most area restaurants are providing the soups.

Proceeds go for Good Samaritan's Utility Help Fund, to help the many families in our area are struggling to keep the lights on and have heat for their homes.

County historical society meeting

The next meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will be on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main, Boyne City.

The program will be "Civil War History." The speaker is Patrick McCleary of Alanson (formerly of Boyne City). He has done extensive research on his civil war ancestors and belongs to several civil war groups that he will explain about. He will make his ancestors come alive for us and we will be able to know more about early Charlevoix County families.

All society programs are open to the public and all visitors are welcome.

EJPS parent-teacher conferences

East Jordan Public Schools will be holding parent-teacher conferences on the following schedule:

- Elementary School - Tuesday, Feb. 28, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Middle School - Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- High School - Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts fund-raiser

Petoskey Big Boy Restaurant and Boyne City Boy Scouts Troop 49 are working together to help the boys earn money to go towards their troop. All food which is served on Tuesday, Feb. 28, will help the boys earn money, but the Boy Scouts will be serving from 5-8 p.m. A 50/50 raffle will be taking place on each hour from 5-8 p.m. - you must be present to win. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the troop. Come any time on the 28th of February and support the Boy Scouts.

Cancer Crusaders host dance

The Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders will be hosting a 50's dance in memory of Lisa Stevens at the Eagle's Hall in Boyne City on Saturday, March 4, from 7 - 11 p.m. There will be a silent auction, food and, of course, dancing - something for everyone - to help raise money for anyone in northern Michigan who is battling cancer.

For more information, call Gail Farley at (231) 582-2424.

Parent-teacher involvement group meets

The Boyne City Middle School Parent/Teacher Involvement Group, also known as PTO, will be meeting Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m., in Room 142. They will be discussing plans for parent involvement in the March 15 Language

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Snowmobile breaks through ice; driver unhurt

EAST JORDAN - The Charlevoix County Sheriff's office is currently investigating a snowmobile crash that occurred in the south arm of Lake Charlevoix near the city of East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 17.

The driver of the snowmobile was Gary Cooper, 73, of East Jordan, who was riding on the ice near the shore, headed to meet with his brother to go snowmobile riding for the day. He broke through the ice into chest-deep water.

Emergency personnel from the East Jordan police department, fire department and emergency medical service, as well as deputies from the Sheriff's office responded to the scene of the accident. Cooper was rescued by members

of the EJFD, and then treated for possible hypothermia by East Jordan EMS.

He was transported to his East Jordan home by the ambulance service.

The Sheriff's office issued a warning to citizens about possible unsafe ice conditions, and cautioned snowmobilers not to ride on the ice.

"There is no such thing as safe ice, since it doesn't form at a uniform rate, even on the same body of water. Ice is highly unpredictable, and the thickness and quality can vary incredibly in this climate," said Sheriff Lasater. Lasater advised citizens that if they fell through the ice, they should turn toward the di-

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An East Jordan snowmobiler went through thin ice near the shore of the south arm of Lake Charlevoix last Friday. The rider was treated for possible hypothermia, but unhurt.

Berry good



It was Valentine's Day all over again when John Berry brought his Love Tour to East Jordan last weekend, where he wowed the audience with his amazing vocals and versatility. PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Drug Death Team assembled

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Charlevoix County has recently implemented a new tool to help in the fight against drug distribution. A law enforcement task force, ominously named the Drug Death Team, or DDT, was assembled, taking at least one member from each agency in the county, including two detectives from the Sheriff's Department, one from the State Police, and one officer each from East Jordan, Charlevoix, and Boyne City.

There were two major contributing factors to the creation of DDT. One was the passage of a new law through the Michigan State Legislature that allows a prosecutor to charge a person who delivers a controlled substance that results in a death with a life offence. The conviction of such an offence carries a penalty of life "or any term of years" in prison. The other factor leading to the creation of DDT was the increased incidence of death due to drug overdose in the area, with the prosecutor's office citing "...at least four deaths attributable to methadone" in 2005.

The biggest advantage the new task force will provide Charlevoix County is an immediate increase in personnel in the case of suspected overdose cases.

"If you have a potential or suspected drug overdose death in the county, the task force will be called in to help with the investigation," said East Jordan police chief, Daniel Reece. "It really works out well - a lot of our area departments may only have one person working - to complete an investigation of that type, it takes a lot of people and a lot of hours. Time is of the essence."

What will occur with the new task force is this: if police are requested to the scene of a suspected drug overdose death, the officer will immediately request the task force. It is the

local agency's responsibility to secure the scene, and the task force will begin immediately to interview anyone involved. They will be equipped with digital recorders, and will separate and tape people with ties to the deceased, according to Charlevoix County prosecutor John Jarema.

"The implementation of DDT allows a local police agency the resources of county-wide officers to assist the local agency in the investigation and prosecution of these cases. This is an example of law enforcement in Charlevoix County being proactive in drug deliveries to bring persons who deliver drugs to swift justice," Jarema said. "Prosecutors now can effectively go up the chain of delivery and prosecute all the persons who distributed drugs that resulted in a death."

"This was more of an idea from the prosecutor's office and us (the Sheriff's Department) talking," said Chuck Vondra, a Charlevoix County detective. "We want to go vigorously after drug dealers. We got a group together to deal with these issues."

All of the members of the team are trained law enforcement officers, and will be in charge of any investigation. The agency in whose jurisdiction the death occurred will be responsible for the case, but the task force will be available to provide that agency professional and immediate assistance, and will conduct the investigation. All evidence will subsequently be turned over to the agency with jurisdiction, who will then be responsible for getting that evidence to the prosecuting attorney.

"There may have been some drug-related deaths in the past that may not have been addressed as aggressively as they can be now," Lasater said, adding that the new law, and the aggression with which drug dealers can now be pursued, should make distributors worried.

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Ogden opens computer services business

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

EAST JORDAN - Nelson Ogden, known by some as Wil, might fairly be described as remarkable. At 17, he has expressed his regret that he didn't recognize the value of elementary school - an unusual regret. But whatever he missed then isn't slowing him down now, and he recently opened a computer services business in downtown East Jordan - which opens at 11 a.m., or 1 p.m., depending on his class schedule at the high school.

"Now I enjoy school," Nelson said. "I recognize the benefits and what I can get out of it. When I was younger, school was definitely boring. It wasn't what I was into, and I couldn't figure out why they were so off track."

It wasn't that Nelson wasn't into educating himself. He was little more than a baby when a fear of the family's yard light translated itself into a fascination with electricity. Maybe even an obsession, his mother, Karen Walker said.

"Definitely an obsession," Nelson agreed. By the time he was three, he surprised Walker by reading a highway sign. He had seemed to be reading prior to the road sign incident, but Walker had assumed that he was memorizing - but he had never been on the highway in question before. His mother knew that at three, her son could read - she just wasn't sure how he learned.

"Some things he just seems to have been born knowing," she said. When he was also about three, Nelson drew

a diagram of the inner workings of a toilet tank - in day care, while his tiny classmates played with toys. He was not a neat fit in his peer group even then.

Elementary school was even a tougher fit.

When asked if she considered home schooling Nelson, Walker said that she felt that it would have been detrimental - she felt he needed some exposure to the things other children were doing.

"I was never exposed to what other kids were into. I was exposed to cameras and carburetors," Nelson said. "I considered it normal."

significance."

Ogden delivers this assessment of his youthful preoccupation with all things electrical in a matter-of-fact tone, which seems to be the way he approaches things. He was probably about seven years old when he started his first business - selling antique light bulbs and radio tubes (he still works on radios). Later, he opened a gift gallery. The exact years don't stay in his mind - he has moved on. He has always been project-oriented, Walker said. Ogden agreed.

"If I get something stuck in my head, I am going to make it work," he said.

While he says that he missed out on an elementary education - still

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Nelson Ogden

Events

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Arts Festival and future volunteer activities. All middle school parents and friends are invited to attend. Currently in the works are a "Meet the Parents/Teachers Euchre Night" and a parent support information presentation. P/TIG is also sponsoring a raffle for the March 15 Language Arts Festival. Three categories of prizes will be offered: An I-Pod, a Rambler-wear jacket package, and a restaurant dinner package. Tickets will be \$1 each and you must be present to win. Please contact president Kelly Looze (231) 582-0269 or teacher liaison Amelia Ryan (231) 439-8209 for more information.

Chamber looking for hosts, participants

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for host families and a project manager for this summer's Blue Lake Fine Arts program. This year we will have two groups: July 12 to 15, Boyne City will host Big Band Goethe-Gymnasium (a 24 member Swing Big Band all the way from Germany) and July 29 to 31, the Blue Lake International Jazz Band (a 20-member Jazz Band.) Please contact the Chamber at (231) 582-6222 if you would like to host or participate.

Learn to manage money, buy home

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City will be offering free financial fitness/credit education classes starting in March. The classes will be offered through a five week workshop series starting Monday evening, March 6. The topics will include knowing and understanding your credit, predatory lending, a free personal credit report review, financial management and budgeting, as well as information on how to clean up bad credit. Participants will receive information on consumer rights, dealing with creditors, and how to become a homeowner. To register call Alice Yeoman toll-free at (866) 637-1834. Classes will be held each Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Health and Education Center, 360 Connable in Petoskey.

'Day Away' in Chicago

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will be sponsoring their 4th annual "Day Away" art trip on May 10, 11, 12. This year's theme, "Chicago's Contrasting Eras," will encompass three art-full days of enjoying the historical and contemporary aspects of Chicago.

Limited coach seats available. Please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 for details and opportunity to register with payment for the trip. Sign up can also be made on the website: crookedtree.org. Fee for trip: \$485 members; \$510 non-members, single supplement extra.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Monday, Feb. 13 - Sunday, Feb. 19

• Monday, Feb. 13: Two-car personal injury accident on State and Call streets; parking violation for more than two hours downtown.

• Tuesday, Feb. 14: Property damage accident on East Main Street; drunk and disorderly subject on S. Park Street; open door at Boyne theater.

• Wednesday, Feb. 15: Non-sufficient funds check turned in from B.C. Pizza; parking

complaint downtown; larceny from a vehicle at 829 S. Park St.; suicidal person at Parkview Apartments.

• Thursday, Feb. 16: Uttering and publishing of checks; 9-1-1 hang-up call; assist ambulance with in-

toxicated subject at Parkview Apartments; domestic problem on Boyne Avenue.

• Friday, Feb. 17: Gun registration; report of juvenile on snowmobile; property damage accident at B.C. Pizza; citation for no insurance; domestic fight, Boyne Avenue.

• Saturday, Feb. 18: Speed citation; property damage accident on Boyne Avenue and Division Street; property damage accident on Division Street and Pleasant Avenue; vehicle blocking the roadway on Lake Street; vehicle unlock at Carters;

• Sunday, Feb. 19: Assault in progress on Jersey Street; operating while intoxicated on Division Street; 9-1-1 hang-up call; citations issued for speed, stop sign violations; assist fire department with chimney fire; arrested two juveniles for minor in possession.

Local Community gives \$248,000

PETOSKEY— The American Red Cross announced that current financial donations and pledges will cover more than \$2 billion - the estimated cost for its response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. This announcement comes just over five months after Hurricane Katrina - the largest and most costly disaster relief operation in the nation's history. Of the total gifts given, \$248,202 was raised in the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter region of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties through church drives, telethons and individual gifts from the community. As of Dec. 31, the Red Cross has spent 84-percent of all donated funds.

As a good steward of donated dollars, the Red Cross has a standard practice of informing the public when sufficient funds have been raised to cover the costs associated with a disaster response. In keeping with that commitment, the Red Cross will no longer initiate fundraising activities for these hurricanes. The Red Cross asks donors to support the ongoing needs of hurricane survivors by giving to the countless other charities and non-profit or-

ganizations that continue to raise funds for hurricane recovery efforts.

"While I'm extremely proud of the way our community came forward to support others during this horrific event, I'm not surprised," said Betsy Hanson, executive director of the Northern Lower Michigan Red Cross Chapter. "A quarter of a million dollars is a tremendous amount of cash to raise in just five months, and that doesn't include the donations given to other agencies that responded. In a time of need, our northern Michigan residents consistently exhibit an unmatched level of generosity. Whether your donation was time, money or materials, you are all to be applauded. Thank you."

The generous financial support from around the world allowed more than 225,000 Red Cross disaster relief workers - 95-percent of them volunteers - to ensure that survivors had a safe place to stay, food and comfort and the means to provide essential items for themselves and their families. Survivors received counseling, basic healthcare and family connecting services. This was accomplished on an unsurpassed scale. The Red Cross

Provided more than 3.4 million overnight stays in nearly 1,200 Red Cross shelters.

• Served more than 34 million meals and 30 million snacks.

• Delivered emergency financial assistance to more than 1.4 million families—more than 4 million people.

For almost 125 years, Americans have trusted and relied on the Red Cross to use their donations to help those in need. The Red Cross is committed to maintaining that hard-earned trust and will continue to keep the public informed of how donations are being used to provide ongoing relief. The most recent information can be found on www.redcross.org as well as in detailed stewardship reports.

The public's continued support is essential to the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter which provides lifesaving support in Cheboygan, Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim counties every day. Support of the Disaster Relief Fund is also vital because it enables the Red Cross to respond quickly to large disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Last year, Red Cross chapters responded to a record 73,000

events. Nearly 92-percent were residential fires that went unnoticed nationally, but were hugely significant in the lives of those affected.

Please continue to help your neighbors in need through the American Red Cross by—

• Supporting the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter.

• Donating to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

• Scheduling an appointment to donate blood by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

• Volunteering to support the humanitarian mission of the Red Cross by contacting your local Northern Lower Michigan Chapter (231)348-7666 or info@arclm.org.

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CURIOUS GEORGE - G
Fri at 5:15 & 7 • Mon-Wed at 7
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THE PINK PANTHER - PG
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Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12, 2, 5, 7 & 9
DATE MOVIE - PG-13
Fri at 5, 7 & 9 • Mon-Wed at 7 & 9
Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12, 2, 5, 7 & 9
EIGHT BELOW - PG
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at 7 & 9:15 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2, 4:15, 7 & 9:15
DATE MOVIE - PG-13
at 7 & 9:15 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2, 4:15, 7 & 9:15
FIREWALL - PG-13
at 9 nightly
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN - R
at 7 & 9:25 nightly
Sat & Sun at 2, 4:20, 7 & 9:25
DOOGAL - G
at 7 & 8:45 nightly
Also Sat & Sun at 2, 4, 7 & 8:45
FEB. 24 - MARCH 2

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Gum Health & Vitamin D


Recent research shows that vitamin D may help prevent the inflammation that causes gums to bleed and periodontal disease. Those in the study with the highest blood levels of vitamin D had 20% less bleeding. Studies also suggest that vitamin D strengthens bone which helps prevent periodontal disease. You can get vitamin D from foods like milk, yogurt and orange juice with calcium added. When exposed to the sun, your skin also manufactures vitamin D. You can also take a multi-vitamin, however, check with your doctor or pharmacist first for recommended doses.

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Boyer City Middle School holds language arts festival

BOYNE CITY — On Feb. 14, Boyne City Middle School kicked off their Language Arts Festival by introducing the reading program "One Book, One School."

Students created t-shirts in the theme of diversity, which were then given to all BCMS students, along with their own copy of the book "Seedfolks," written by Paul Fleischman. This story is about a coming together of a culturally diverse community to create a community garden in an empty

city lot in Cleveland.

Students will be reading this book together throughout the next month, during which a trivia contest is also taking place, a diversity poster project, and after school discussion groups, all centered around this very special book.

The BCMS Language Arts Festival will culminate in a school-wide celebration on Wednesday, March 15, at the middle school from 6 until 8 p.m.

STUDENT NEWS

• Amanda Bargas of Boyne City graduated from Adrian College Dec. 9. She received a bachelor of arts degree, with a major in human services. She is a graduate of Boyne City High School.

• Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes the following area students who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher GPA: Stephanie K. Dzwik, Sarah E. Ferree, Leslie D. Meads, Ashly D. Smith, Kelly M. Spaniak, and Sheryl L. Sturza of Boyne City; Kayla A. Reynolds and Adam C. Utley of Boyne Falls; Meghan A. Dovick, Anna L. Olson, Beth A. Stallard, and Bethany N. Wilson of East Jordan; and Leonard S. Hershberger of Walloon Lake.

• North Central Michigan College has announced the president's and dean's lists for the fall 2005 semester. The president's list requires a 4.0 GPA; the dean's list requires a 3.5 GPA. Local students are listed below by home town.

President's List:
Boyne City: Lydia Cosier, Christina Kay Evans, Ronald Dwight Hancock, Boyne Falls: Brent Penfold, East Jordan: Katherine

Ann Baumgarten, Christine Ann Brooks, Janelle Ann Doebl, Kimberly Lyn Goebel, Victoria Lynn Sevigny, Walloon Lake: Katie Ann Bradley, Jessica L. Crozier, Anne Christina Vandenbrink.

Dean's List:
Boyne City: Christine Heather Baxter, Amy Marguerite Berns, Wilbur James Espy, Elaine Garcia Failing, Sydney Lynden Fish, Adam Reile Friedrich, Patricia Jean Nichols, Miranda Rose White, Ashleigh Dawn Wiltjer, Boyne Falls: Megan Ivy Pernicano, Sarah E. Witherspoon, East Jordan: Michael Joseph Anderson, William Nathan Bavers, Lawrence Jensen Denemy, Tina M. Hosler, William Martin Sanderson, Walloon Lake: Barbara E. Shananquet.

• Northern Michigan University announces the dean's list for the fall 2005 semester. Qualifying with a GPA of 4.0 is Jane Stieber of Boyne City. Qualifying with a GPA of 3.25 to 3.99 are Beau Detcher of Boyne City; Megan Keiser, Geoffrey Martin, Melinda Mecutcheon, Raechel Percy, and Susanna Wellert, all of Boyne City; and Tina Kirby and Jessica Vallance of East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Fifth-Grade Citizenship

Ricky Aimesbury, Noah Aller, Quinn Ameal, Ashlee Beck, Kaley Belcher, Latiesha Bell, Jazmine Bennett, Sydney Bennett, Brittany Bentley, Kayla Bowe, Jennifer Buchannon, Rose Burns, Brady Calo, Alexis Carrow, Devin Colbeck, Kaitlyne Crandell, Mackenzie Crego, Dakota Cupp, Aaron Danforth, Meagan Demoines, Andrew Deneau, Ashlee Deneau, William Dole, Alina Droll, Cody Elzinga, Preslye Fortune, Luke Gallup, Austin Gardner, Todd Gillespie, Alyssa Gillies, Elizabeth Grice, Meredith Hague, Steven Halstead, Tyler Harbaum, Elliot Hausler, Waylon Henning, Alysa Hiar, Devin Hickery, Abigail Hofweber, Jeffrey Howard, Tara Hufford, Jerrica Jackman, Kimberlee Johnson, Aleena Kline, Karlee Kroush, Clara Kuzmik, Zachary Ladere, Taylor Leazier, Keagan Leist, Stephanie Lewis, Emily Lindsay, Trevor Lorton, Noah Lounsbury, Camden MacKenzie, Lauren MacNaughton, Danielle Matthew, Katelyn Meads, Andrew Moore, Alex Moscatello, Dakota Mosley, Ashleyann Moyer, Nathan Moyer, Mary Myers, Emily Nichols, Eric Patrick, Mark Peters, Dalton Pickles, Austin Pike, Michelle Plante, Alexandra Prokop, Trey Reinhardt, Lauren Robert, Elizabeth Rosencrants, Bram Schroeder, Jessica Selissen, Charles Sieradski, McKenzie Skidmore, James Skop, Garrett Smith, Derick Stark, Justin Sudderth, Andrew Sutton, Sally Swadling, Ahna Thorp, Zachary Tipton, Kayla Towne, Brittany Vanatta, Shelby Vousboukis, Shelby Webster, Ruby Williams, Jared Willis, Kenneth Wingo.

Fifth-Grade A-B Honor Roll

Noah Aller, Ashlee Beck, Latiesha Bell, Jazmine Bennett, Brittany Bentley, Rose Burns, Aaron Danforth, Andrew Deneau, Ashlee Deneau, Preslye Fortune, Todd Gillespie, Elizabeth Grice, Meredith Hague, Tyler Harbaum, Elliot Hausler, Abigail Hofweber, Jerrica Jackman, Aleena Kline, Keagan Leist, Camden MacKenzie, Lauren MacNaughton, Katelyn Meads, Alex Moscatello, Ashleyann Moyer, Nathan Moyer, Mary Myers, Emily Nichols, Mark Peters, Michelle Plante, Trey Reinhardt, Bram Schroeder, Jessica Selissen, Charles Sieradski, McKenzie Skidmore, Garrett Smith, Zachary Tipton, Kayla Towne, Brittany VanAtta, Shelby Vousboukis, Ruby Williams.

Fifth-Grade All "A" Honor Roll

Quinn Ameal, Sydney Bennett, Kayla Bowe, Cody Elzinga, Steven Halstead, Devin Hickery, Tara Hufford, Stephanie Lewis, Emily Lindsay, Danielle Matthew, Eric Patrick, Austin Pike, Shelby Webster, Jared Willis.

Sixth-Grade Citizenship

Brandon Baur, Ezekiel Beek, Norman Berge, Collin Bowe, Rachel Butler, Allison Cain, Jon Calo, Christina Cardella, Torri Cheadle, Christopher Cook, Hailey

Cooper, Erika Danforth, Justin Dowdy, Hunter Dunlop, Renae Elzinga, Devan Fortune, Tyler Fuller-Lewis, Chase Griffin, Amanda Grubbs, William Hague, Parker Harbaugh, Alexandra Harding, Shawn Hardy, Katelynn Herrmann, Katelyn Hicks, Kylee Hoaglund, Seth Hoaglund, Ketrin Hocquard, Lacey Hofweber, Lexis Hornbeck, Kerri Houck, Delaney Hyland, Jordan Hyland, Shannon Jacobs, Hunter Johnson, Kayla Johnson, Weston Kartes, Brett King, Collin Kruzal, Korysye Long, Keagan Looze, Samantha McClintock, Angelique Meeker, Jaden Mihelich, Gerritt Moeke, Kelsey Moore, Christopher Myers, Allyson Pallagi, Taylor Patton, Halle Poole, Marissa Porter, Ian Pritchard, William Raveau, Truman Reams, Jay Redman, Tess Seelye, Ashley Sero, Cassidy Shankleton, Sierra Smith, Rebecca Stead, Monica Stokes, Colton Tinker, Collin Ulvund, Austin Weisler, Kyrsha Zimmerman.

Sixth-Grade A-B Honor Roll

Brandon Baur, Norman Berge, Rachel Butler, Allison Cain, Christina Cardella, Torri Cheadle, Chase Griffin, Alexandra Harding, Shawn Hardy, Katelynn Herrmann, Katelyn Hicks, Lacey Hofweber, Lexis Hornbeck, Kerri Houck, Weston Kartes, Gerritt Moeke, Christopher Myers, Allyson Pallagi, Halle Poole, Marissa Porter, Ian Pritchard, Billy Raveau, Jay Redman, Ashley Sero, Collin Ulvund, Austin Weisler, Kyrsha Zimmerman.

Sixth-Grade All "A" Honor Roll

Ezekiel Beek, Collin Bowe, Justin Dowdy, Parker Harbaugh, Ketrin Hocquard, Kayla Johnson, Collin Kruzal, Tess Seelye, Cassidy Shankleton, Sierra Smith, Colton Tinker.

Seventh-Grade Citizenship

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OBITUARIES

Marjorie Imel

Marjorie L. Imel, 78, of East Jordan died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. President Douglas Weisler of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Charlevoix will officiate. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

She was born on May 8, 1927 in Detroit, the daughter of Ernest and Ida (Belleville) Nixon of Charlevoix and Lewistown, IL. She grew up in Charlevoix. After living in the Detroit area as an

adult, she moved to East Jordan in the 1950s. She had worked as a press operator for many years at Mt. Clemens Metal Products in East Jordan. She retired in 1990 after the company's name was changed to Gulf and Western.

She had been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Charlevoix. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, knitting and playing bingo.

She is survived by three children, John "Jay" (Barb) Imel of East Jordan, Charles "Louie" Imel of Augusta, Georgia and Sheila Imel Rake of East Jordan; thirteen grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; four sisters, Helen Roberts of East Jordan, Dorothy

(Dwight) Shaw of Havana, Illinois, Patsy (Roger) Robinson of Havana, Illinois and Leona Williams of Canton, Illinois; one brother-in-law, Gerald Roberts of East Jordan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant brother, Charles Nixon; one sister, Ernestine Roberts in 2005; and one infant granddaughter, Kelly Imel in 1971. The family will receive friends on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017, in honor of Marjorie's sister, Ernestine Roberts.

SERVICE NEWS

• Air Force Airman Jonathan J. Prodan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exer-

cises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Dawn Prodan of East Jordan. Prodan is a 2004 graduate of East Jordan High School.

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OPINION

Ain't north without it

We got to Neil's parent's new Norwood home about an hour before they did. Neil shoveled the porch and the driveway, and we left a vase of tulips and spring-colored daisies on the counter, tied with a Eastery gingham ribbon that contradicted the light snow falling on their deck outside the dining room sliding glass doors.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

Neil finished shoveling and we left before they arrived. My father-in-law bought the house in December; Mom hadn't even seen it yet. They sold their condo in Ft. Myers, and it was finally time to move north.

The condo was on a golf course, off White Palm Way. There was a pond you could see from their dining room table, and a screened-in pool, so that you could feel a warm Florida breeze wafting over you as you swam, but no Florida insects. Somehow geckos found their way in, but geckos are almost like little volunteer pets, and no one minded. The dog, a toy poodle named Kizzy, is strictly an indoor dog, and is trained to do his business indoors, like a cat. I know why. One day, looking across the golf course from the dining room table, I saw a wide course in the morning dew, with even-spaced tracks on either side of it. It was the trail of a low, broad belly, and feet below wide-kneed reptile legs. It was a Kizzy-eater, crawling out of the serene pond and across the wet green. I never saw it, just the tell-tale green ribbon in the silvery grass.

I like Florida. I like walking along a beach and scanning the creamy Gulf water for dolphins. I like to pick up wet beach sand in my cupped hands and feel tiny clams burrow through it until they hit my palms and can burrow no further. I like collecting shells, even if it makes me look exactly like the Floridian equivalent of a fudgie. (A shellie?)

But Neil's parents left Florida and White Palm Way and drove 1,600 miles in a mostly northerly direction. They were anxious to get to their new home: they left Ft. Myers at 4 p.m. on a Sunday and pulled in their freshly shoveled driveway at 2 p.m. the next Tuesday, just like that. They have two cars, so they had no one to spell them on the 14-hour driving day - just a pair of walk-talkies, some audio books, and a whole lot of Mountain Dew, they said. And Kizzy, of course, to keep Mom company.

So they came home to Michigan, and finally Neil's mom got a chance to check out her new house, which she so far knew only from pictures - but those, she said, she knew like the back of her hand. From pictures she had selected paint colors, wallpaper, and an overall theme for the home's decor. From pictures she had envisioned a brushed-out back yard, rather than the current swampy tangle of birch and cedar.

It was cloudy and almost drizzly when they drove over after that first inspection, and we visited in the kitchen for a while before getting the dog settled in so that we could go out to dinner at Ericksons.

By the time we were seated, it was dark outside, and the lights at the base of Boyne Mountain were bright against the snow. Mom kept pointing out the crystalline flow of tiny, wind-blown snowflakes that seemed to drift off the roof, and we were unable to tell if the wind was just pushing it, or if new snow was falling from the night sky. It circled the lights like a halo.

But when we got back to the car, there was no doubt. The small, glittering flakes had turned to fat, wet ones, and the air temperature had dropped significantly, turning the wet slush underfoot treacherous, and covering it with a fresh layer of heavy snow.

Driving home was hazardous.

Neil carefully maneuvered a truck, wheel-well deep in snow, but still just barely off the road. Two men were digging steadily, and the snow fell thick, so Neil concluded that stopping would be more dangerous than helpful, and we continued with caution. A veil of white dashed itself against the windshield like a banshee warning of impending doom, her wail whispering against the glass, her assault parried by the wiper blades.

"I would have been so disappointed if it hadn't snowed tonight," my mother-in-law said, with a sigh of deep contentment. "It isn't north without snow."



GUEST COLUMN

President mentally ill

BY ALEXIS KACZYNSKI
Guest columnist

As President's Day approaches, we often find ourselves paying tribute to the powerful and revered presidents from our nation's history. One of our most famous and celebrated presidents was Abraham Lincoln - but many people forget that his greatness came at a high personal cost.

It's a relatively unknown fact that our 16th president suffered from a mental illness. Often, stigma associated with mental illness eclipses the great accomplishments of a person battling his illness or diagnosis. But for the most part, those who battle a mental illness still thrive in their careers.

Lincoln suffered from severe, incapacitating, and occasionally suicidal depressions, and bipolar disorder. But he used his own personal turmoil to battle stigma, fuel grand achievements and become known as one of America's greatest leaders. Most people don't understand how common mental illnesses are in our society, and remain unaware of those who face such struggles everyday.

One in five people is affected with a mental illness at some point in his or her life, and Michigan alone has 1.4 million adults with various forms of mental illness. Instead of receiving compassion and acceptance, people with mental illness experience stigma everyday. Mental illnesses are real, common and treatable.

According to recent American Psychological Association statistics, approximately one out of every five Americans can expect to get some form of depression, and over one in 20 Americans has a depressive disorder every year. Depression is one of the most common and most serious mental health problems facing people today. Stress often triggers depression, and is a common component of everyday life. It contributes greatly to how we perceive and contend with day-to-day dilemmas.

Americans know Lincoln as the emancipator of slaves, the man who held America together in its darkest days. No one viewed him as someone who had a mental illness. That's how he overcame stigma - by being known by what he accomplished on the outside, not by what he was suffering on the inside. He was able to face and overcome his illness by perseverance, focus and self-knowledge. Despite his inner turmoil, he persevered, and served his nation well.

Sharing stories of our personal mental illnesses, or those of people we admire, contributes to eliminating stigma. Stigma associated with mental illness is often disguised as fear - fear of the unknown. Don't be scared of what you don't know. Seek knowledge and become educated. All of us are responsible for treating every person, without exception, with respect and compassion. Lincoln was defined by his greatness, not his illness.

Alexis Kaczynski is the director of the North Country Community Mental Health in Bellaire.

LETTERS

Shopping to win

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm so excited! I can be rewarded for shopping for groceries at Glen's or Carter's, getting my dry-cleaning done at Bradfords, or getting gas at Boyne Marathon. All I have to do is save my receipts and take them to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce or Boyne Country Books. For every \$10 I spend, a ticket is placed in a drawing, where I can win big dollars in May at the Mushroom Festival.

I can get my hair cut at Self-Indulgence, Studio One, or the Red Brick Salon, or renew my tan at Sun

for the Soul.

You get the idea - just shop at any of the 39 participating businesses and you have a chance to win.

Look for the yellow and black signs that say Buy Into Boyne, and shop 'til you drop.

The money the Chamber members pay to participate in this program comes back to you their customers except for a small advertising budget. So come by shopping - and "buy into Boyne!"

Bert Marshall
Boyne City

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.
The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest.
Our deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis. Comments can be sent to Jane Booze at citizen@voyager.net or editor@voyager.net.

NEIGHBORS

• There was a great turn-out of about 40 Litzeburger Place residents and maintenance staff and spouses attending a Valentine's Day lasagna dinner party especially prepared by resident council president, Judy Owe, and served by her sister, Joni Zucchiatti and her daughter, Christi Churchill.



Nancy Northrup

Hostess for the event was resident Jan Hendrickson, who also teaches the craft class that created the beautiful table decorations. Special guests were Les and Ruth Ann Hardy. Ruth Ann entertained after dinner, playing her guitar and singing many favorites songs for the evergrateful residents. Kay Robinson, Joan Glem, and Dorothy Peters won door prizes of Valentine candy hearts. This dinner was in appreciation of all the residents who have over the years given so much of their time and energy to making this a truly wonderful family environment. It was a really nice time and a kind gesture, Judy, Joni and Christi!

• A "typo" correction is needed for last week's "I Can't" message at the United Methodist Church: it should have read, the Rev. Wayne McKenney.

• Eleanor Adams of Litzeburger Place took an icy fall this past week, requiring a trip to the hospital. She is now at home - a little bruised up, but we're all glad nothing was broken.

• John Holowasko, a former Boyne City resident, recently underwent hip replacement surgery. Old time friends and neighbors might like to send cards of encouragement and cheer to the brave John, who has been fighting Parkinson's disease for quite some time. His address is: John Holowasko, 201 Country Club Dr. S.E., #3413, Rio Rancho, NM, 87124.

• Residents and staff at Litzeburger Place welcome Paulette, the congenial temporary receptionist.

• Vic and Mary Ruggles honored Grandma Jessie on Wednesday with a 95th birthday dinner at Park Gardens in Petoskey. The big surprise was that granddaughter Mary Jo Rhodes drove up from Grand Blanc to join the mini family gathering and two special friends for this very special occasion. Lots of fun, "monkey business" went on. Jessie received phones calls from her Virginia, Ohio, and New York grandsons, besides beautiful flowers and good wishes. On Thursday, she enjoyed lunch with another friend. Appreciative and thankful, she is, for all who made it special for her. "I love growing older," Jessie said. A belated happy birthday, Jessie - may you enjoy many more!

• Paul Varnum, son Patrick, and Patrick's friend, Andrew Kotis of Pataskala, Ohio, braved the weekend of blizzards to visit Mom and Grandma Gen and to go snowboarding at Boyne Mountain. The snowboarding in the bitter cold was in celebration of Patrick's 18th birthday. The guys came prepared from possible frostbite, and enjoyed their adventure with extra layers of clothing, scarves and goggles covering their faces - and taking occasional time-outs inside. This time Grandma Gen stayed home where it was warm, instead of going along to watch them.

• The cold weather didn't stop Penny Hardy, Gayle Anderson, Kris Leist, Karen Seeley, Tammy Ryder, and Donna Erber from having a nice weekend, enjoying getting together again for their planned trip to East Lansing. All former Huntington Bank co-workers (except Kris), the ladies enjoyed an overnight get-together, as well as attending "The Lion King" at MSU's Wharton Center on Saturday.

• Attend the Boyne Area Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 23, and enjoy chicken and dumplings for lunch. On Friday, Feb. 24, beef chili is on the menu. Friday is also music day, so come and enjoy the music of the Cousins from 11 a.m. to noon. Feb. 27, Monday, pork chops and Au Gratin potatoes will be served. Bingo is played on Monday, following lunch. Beef patty will be served on Tuesday, Feb. 28, along with carrots, green beans with mushrooms, and a citrus blend. March 1, Wednesday, chicken and noodles will be served - baked squash and lima beans are also on the menu. Wednesday is line dancing at 10:30 a.m. - join your friends each day for a game of cards. Call (231) 582-6682 for information. Remember, if the local public school is closed due to weather, the Senior Center will also be closed.

Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called in to Nancy at (231) 582-9174, or E-mailed to neighbors@glakes.com. Thank you!



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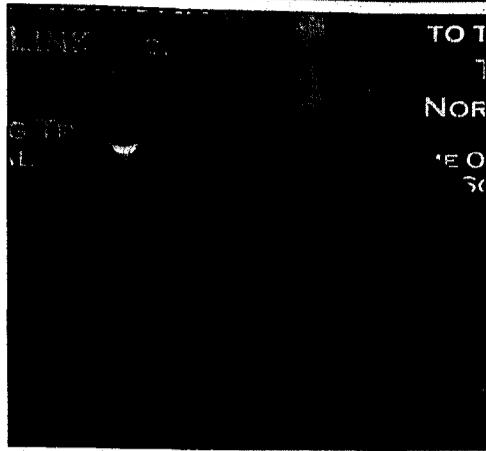
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Todd Gillespie, left, and Jon DuBay, owners.

From the roof to the foundation

■ Gillespie, DuBay start up trade referral company

BY JANE BOOZE
Editor

BOYNE CITY - It all started with a short-handed cabinet maker, and his friend, a homeowner with a plumbing problem.

They're both local, both avid sportsmen, and both have a proud history of service in the armed forces - Todd Gillespie, a father of four, was in the Navy and served in the first Gulf War, and was variously stationed in Iraq, Bosnia, and Somalia. Upon leaving the service, he decided to return home to Boyne City, where he has worked in process engineering at LexaMar for 11 years. Jon DuBay moved here in 1986 after serving with the 101st Air Assault division of the United States Army, and proud of it.

"If you wear the Screamin' Eagle, you have to be proud of it," DuBay said. He is a self-employed contractor, the owner of Quality Kitchens and Woodcraft, and has had kitchens featured in national magazines. DuBay has two children. Both men are self-described "staunch community advocates."

DuBay was buried with 11 projects and only two employees, when he called Gillespie, worrying about how he was going to find good, short-term workers. Gillespie, in the meantime, was dealing with a plumbing problem that was resulting in a sewer gas smell in his basement - and no return calls from already busy plumbing contractors.

The conversation didn't result in an immediate solution to the two men's problems, but it did generate a new business in Boyne City - Northern Michigan Trades Link, Inc., located at 202 S. Lake St.

Gillespie and DuBay have created a trades referral company that provides an invaluable service to both homeowners and trades businesses. It is a membership-based operation, and its members are in trades from the foundation to the roof, Gillespie and DuBay said, and all points between. Each prospective member is interviewed, screened and audited. Each must provide five local references and these references are contacted and asked to complete a "professional rating sheet." NMTL has created a rating sheet that rates the contractor on timeliness, professionalism, performance, job quality, and competitive rates.

The contractor, who pays \$250 to join, also must provide a company profile, their areas of specialization, any DBAs registered with the county, licenses, and a liability policy. This money is used to complete a background check and also secures the contractor a three-month membership, provided the contractor meets NMTL's standard of quality in reference and licensure, etc.

A contractor who is a member of NMTL is guaranteed to come with a clean slate - current licenses and insurance, no outstanding liens, and solidly recommended by his or her clients.

Future membership costs will be used almost exclusively for advertising - and DuBay and Gillespie point out that at \$25 a month, that is a pretty inexpensive advertising budget.

NMTL benefits homeowners in that they will have one-call access to the best skilled-tradesmen in northern Michigan. The legwork for background checks will have been done already, so the workmanship they can expect will be of a high quality. The homeowner is asked, upon the completion of the project, to fill out a rating sheet - and once again the member's work is rated by his or her customer based upon timeliness, professionalism, performance, etc. If the customer is dissatisfied, NMTL will send a different member contractor to the jobsite for a peer review, and will also provide mediation services between its members and homeowners. A member whose work does not meet the highest standard will be dropped from membership, further ensuring homeowners of high quality workmanship.

Membership in Northern Michigan Trades Link, Inc. will also be a benefit to contractors. It will provide advertising for their businesses; it will provide a pool of skilled laborers for short-term hire, through swapping manpower with other members; and it will help find work for member businesses.

NMTL will profit general contractors by providing a network of insured, skilled, and highly recommended sub-contractors for any trade, able to meet a variety of scheduling requirements. And because all NMTL members are self-insured, general contractors can hire part time or short term skilled labor without incurring additional insurance costs, and without going through a time-consuming hiring process.

Gillespie and DuBay believe their business creates a win-win environment for homeowners, small contractors, and general contractors. Already they have 25 members, and homeowners have begun to express their satisfaction with being able to make a single call, and get in touch with the best and brightest in the trades.

And it all started with a short-handed skilled tradesman, and a friend who needed a plumber ...

For more information on how you can join NMTL, or to get someone going on that project at your house, call Jon or Todd at (231) 582-5011.

Boyer Falls Public School

NAME: Kayla Willson
PARENTS: Kevin and Dana Willson
GRADE: 2nd
FAVORITE CLASS:



Art
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Sleep-in
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE BOOK: Garfield at Christmas
FAVORITE MOVIE: Jungle Book II
FAVORITE CARTOON: Sponge Bob
STAFF COMMENTS: "Kayla Willson is a member of our classroom who brings a smile with her every day. She is excited about learning to read and loves to share her writing with her classmates. We are glad she is with us in second grade," Mrs. Grams.

East Jordan High School

NAME: Dustin Miller
PARENTS: Nancy and Duane Miller
GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Soccer
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): German
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college.



STAFF COMMENTS: "Dustin is the kind of student you love to have in class. Dustin is respectful, creative, fun; an all around great kid. I am very proud of him," Mrs. Redmer.

"Dusty is an excellent math student. He is one of the top performers in my Algebra classes. I can always count on Dusty to complete his assignments on time and give them his best effort. I enjoy having Dusty in class," Mrs. Russell.

"Dustin is a very bright and creative student. He is insightful and has a wonderful sense of humor. He is kind and caring to all students," Mrs. Stangis.

"Dustin is an excellent student in Biology who is respected and liked by his classmates. His maturity and work ethic make him a very successful student. A true

pleasure to have in class," Mr. Bailey.

"Dusty has impressed me with his academic abilities as well as his very mature, respectful attitude in the classroom and around school. Gut gemacht, Dusty!" Herr Tarsa.

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Derek Malpas
PARENTS: Todd and Marilyn Malpass
GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE CLASS:



math, because it is fun.
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: basketball and video games
STAFF COMMENTS: "Derek is an exemplary student in all aspects of Language Arts," Michelle Bergquist.

"Derek has been a top notch student since the first day of class. Derek is an all around great student and kid. Good work," Jeff Komondy.

"Derek does a great job in and out of class. Each of his assignments is done in a creative and quality manner," Mr. Peterson.

"Derek's work is top notch. He never settles for average. He is always looking to find a creative way to complete his work. Awesome job!" Sean Ferguson.

Boyer City High School

NAME: Haley Welch
PARENTS: Vicki Welch



GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Drama
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I like to swim, hang out with friends, play paintball and spend time with family.

FUTURE PLANS: I want to go to a college and become a doctor.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Haley is an enthusiastic hard worker. She is just plan fun to have in class. It is great for Haley to be recognized," Mr. Nohel. Industrial Arts.

DEATH NOTICE

Ova Bowden Ogden

Ova Bowden Ogden, 89, of Eustis, Florida and formerly of East Jordan, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, in Tavares, Florida.

No services are scheduled at this time. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.



Rex Judkins representing the Boyne Falls Polish Festival presents Eleanor West, Director of Camp Quality, with a \$500 check for the Camp Quality program. Camp Quality is a year around support program for children who have cancer and their families. 2006 marks the beginning of the 19th year for Camp Quality here in Michigan; "Letting Kids With Cancer Be Kids Again" is the motto of the Camp Quality program.

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SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Boyne City outlasts Charlevoix

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

CHARLEVOIX - The Boyne City varsity volleyball team scored a two point victory in the fourth game to halt a one game rally by Charlevoix and gain a 25-18, 25-23, 24-26, 27-25 Lake Michigan Conference win on Monday, Feb. 13.

All of the games were back and forth battles, said Boyne City coach Casie Parker, with the exception the fourth and closing game. Charlevoix took a 14-9 edge early on and held a 20-11 margin at one point before the Lady Ramblers rallied to tie the game at 23-23.

Parker gave credit to Kaitlyn Wonski for a nice job of coming in when Lindsay Baic was forced out due to an ankle injury.

For the Lady Ramblers Emma Clemens had 30 digs, Jessica Nichols had 19 digs and 15 kills, Lindsay Baic had 22 digs and three blocks and Trisha Tomkins had 16 digs, seven kills and five aces.

Baic and Nichols, along with Malory Slate, all turned in 100 percent serving performances.

Thursday's matches were canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled. Boyne City (27-14-3 overall, 8-3 LMC) will host Kalkaska today. Tournament play will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Class C districts in Inland Lakes.

Red Devils down two LMC rivals

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan varsity volleyball team defeated two Lake Michigan Conference rivals on Feb. 13, when the Lady Devils stopped Elk Rapids in three games, 25-13, 25-22, 25-16, and held off Grayling 25-18, 25-14, 23-25, 25-23.

The two victories upped East Jordan to 4-6 in league play with a 10-14 overall record.

Heather McKinnon led the squad against Elk Rapids with 100 percent serving, three aces and five digs. Jill Drenth chipped in with seven kills, four digs, three blocks, two assists and one ace. Kayla Windish added three blocks, two kills and one ace and Jenaye Chew had seven digs.

"We played our best volleyball of the season," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "Our serving percentage was very high. Our defensive positioning was great. Everybody was moving the ball. It was nice to see the girls' effort levels step up."

Mary Shaw and Megan Warnos turned in the perfect serving games against Grayling, with Shaw putting down three aces and Warnos recording two. Shaw added ten digs and five kills, while Warnos also had eight digs and one kill.

Sierra Roberts contributed with 18 digs, six kills and three aces, while Jessica Roberts had 22 assists.

"This game was a total team effort. Our defensive game keeps getting better and better and with districts coming up it is nice to see all of our hard work pay off," said Nachazel.

Thursday's matches at Boyne City were cancelled and will be rescheduled. East Jordan will travel to Traverse City St. Francis tomorrow and travel to Kalkaska next Monday. Tournament play will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at the Class C districts at Traverse City St. Francis.

FROSH SWEEP TWO

The East Jordan freshman defeated Elk Rapids 21-13, 25-21, 25-6 and downed Grayling 25-17, 25-21, 25-6 to earn its eleventh straight win of the season.

For the night Brittani McCully led the Lady Devils with 28 points and 15 aces; Andrea Chew had 18 points, 11 aces, five kills and 6 assists; Meagan Germaine chipped in with 11 points, five aces and one kill; Kayla Masseur added ten points, four aces and three kills and Rebecca Bernier had eight points, two aces and one kill.

BASKETBALL

Red Rayders sink Ramblers

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY - The Charlevoix Red Rayders came out of the half time break with the hot hand to out score the Boyne City varsity basketball team 32-12 in the third quarter and hand the Ramblers an 85-70 loss on Friday, Feb. 18.

Boyne City led the contest 17-13 after one quarter of play and held a 40-36 advantage going into the intermission before the visitors took control with the third quarter surge.

"It was another game where we came out of the gate and played a great first half," said Boyne City coach John Hertel. "They got us in the third quarter. Otherwise I thought we played as good of an offensive game as we've played all season long."

Three Red Rayders scored in double figures as Mitch Crandall hit for 18 points, Dustin Dibble netted 16 and Matt Krautz added 14.

Boyne City's Tyler Kruzel led all scorers with 20 points and also hauled in eight rebounds. Taylor Voice chipped in with 17 points, Grant Ameel contributed with 15 points and five assists and Robbie Jensen had ten points.

The win moved Charlevoix (10-8 overall) to 8-4 in the conference, while Boyne City (6-10 overall) fell to 4-7 in the league.

GAYLORD 60 BOYNE CITY 58

Gaylord's 6-8 center James Conway hit a running shot from the lane as the buzzer sounded to give the Blue Devils a 60-58 non conference win over the Ramblers on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Gaylord took a 58-56 lead with 20 seconds remaining when Hertel called a time out to set up a possible game winning bucket.

Ameel gave his coach what he wanted when he hit a jumper with three ticks on the clock to put the Ramblers ahead by one. Gaylord quickly called a time out after the play to set up the final shot.

"It was obviously disappointing not to come away with the win, but we played a tough game against a tough opponent. I was really happy with our free throw shooting, though, we made 11 of 12 down the stretch," said Hertel.

Boyne City held leads of 22-12, 33-21 and 40-37 at the quarter breaks.

Ameel paced the Ramblers with 15 points, five boards, five assists and three steals; while Voice added 13 points and six rebounds and Jensen netted ten points.

Sophomore Josh Konecki had his best game as a varsity player, said Hertel, as he



Boyne Rambler Robby Jensen drives around a Rayder defender in a heated contest last week. Boyne City held the Rayders off for the first half of the game, but Charlevoix picked up steam in the third quarter to defeat the Ramblers.

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hit for nine points, including four clutch free throws in the fourth quarter.

Conway scored 22 points and Nick Freeman added 13 points to lead the Blue

Devils.

Boyne City will travel to its next two games at East Jordan this Friday and Elk Rapids next Tuesday.

East Jordan cruises past Ellsworth

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

ELLSWORTH - The East Jordan varsity basketball team jumped out to a 27-19 lead on Ellsworth at the end of the first half and then came out of the locker room to out score the Lancers 18-16 in the third quarter on the way to a 57-39 non conference road victory on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Jeff Keyser tossed in 22 points and dished out five assists to lead the Red Devils attack, while Chris Becker chipped in with

ten points and six boards. Alex Lorne hauled in seven rebounds.

"We have really made an effort to take care of the basketball the last couple of games and that really helped us control the tempo of the game. Ellsworth always plays hard and they are real aggressive. We were able to break down their half court press and attacked it without turning the ball over. We were fortunate that Ellsworth had an off shooting night," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey.

"I was extremely happy with our team

rebounding and how our big guys stepped up in the absence of Chad Kraemer who was out sick this game. Chris Becker and Alex Lorne played very well on the defensive end and really controlled the boards," Bailey added.

Jared Stemyk led Ellsworth with 13 points.

Friday's contest with Elk Rapids was cancelled due to weather. East Jordan (5-11 overall) will host Boyne City for Parent's night this Friday and host Charlevoix next Tuesday.

Boyne Falls handed first NLC loss

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE FALLS - Gaylord St. Mary's hit a game winning basket with 17 seconds remaining to hand the Loggers a 55-53 loss on Feb. 14, their first conference loss of the season.

Boyne Falls had a final chance at the victory, but a last second shot stayed out to end the game with the Loggers on the short end for just the fourth time this season.

"The free throws were the difference in the game. They made 16 and we made six," said Hamilla.

Gross paced the Boyne Falls scoring with 19 points, while Matelski contributed with 11 points and six rebounds.

The Snowbirds forged leads of 17-13, 27-23 and 42-37 at the quarter breaks.

Tom Webber paced the victors with 13 points and Greg Borowiak added 11 points.

The Loggers (11-4 overall, 9-1 Northern Lakes Conference) will be on the road for its next two games against Wolverine this Friday and Cadillac Heritage Christian next Tuesday.

BOYNE FALLS 63 VANDERBILT 57

The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team had double figure games from three players on Friday as the Loggers held off Vanderbilt for the 63-57 victory.

Cliff Leazier tossed in 17 points, Trevor Matelski hit for 15 points and Jim Gross

netted 13 to lead the Boyne Falls offense. Matelski added seven rebounds; while Gross chipped in with five rebounds, five assists and four steals. Leazier also had five boards.

Boyne Falls led the contest 12-11, 26-20 and 39-31 at the end of the first three quarters.

"It was a very intense game with a playoff atmosphere," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "Vanderbilt tied it with four minutes to go, but we were able to take control with a 12-point lead with one minute left."

"Cliff played his best game of the year and we got some good play from our bench," the coach added.

Vanderbilt's Doug Heinz led all scorers with 22 points, while teammate Sean Webber chipped in with 11.

HOCKEY

Northstar splits two games

PETOSKEY - The Boyne Area Hockey Northstar Group midget team hosted a pair of games with Gaylord on Saturday, Feb. 8, and earned a split with a 5-4 victory in the opener and 4-0 loss in the second game.

In the first game, Russell Williams tallied a hat trick scoring the first three goals, with assists on all three from playmaker John Miller.

Miller also tallied a goal and added one more assist, and Will Brown scored one goal and handed out one helper. Britt King also gave an assist.

Gaylord tallied all four of its goals late in the third period to break up a scoreless tie in the second game.

The Northstars traveled to Grayling on Sunday, Feb. 12, with a short bench due to injuries and the host team took advantage of the manpower situation to gain a pair of victories on its home ice.

Grayling edged out the Northstars in the first game 2-1 as Miller scored the lone Northstar goal on an assist from Williams.

The Northstars fell in the second by a 9-1 margin with Evan Keller getting the goal from Matt Mills.

Nick Ferree was in the Northstar net for both games.

SKIING

Rambler girls qualify for state

BOYNE FALLS - The Boyne City girls qualified as a team and Charlevoix/East Jordan's Katherine Rowley placed first in both disciplines to highlight a stormy run at the state Class B-C-D regional meet held at Boyne Mountain on Friday.

Rowley posted times of 1:06.69 in the slalom and 26.72 in the giant slalom to move on to the Feb. 27 final meet at Nubs Nob.

Boyne City put together a score of 121 points to place in the third and final qualifying spot behind Harbor Springs (109) and Iron Mountain (115).

Houghton (127) was fourth followed by Petoskey (130), Char/EJ (139), Ironwood (154.5), Kingsford (279), West Iron County (288.5) and Inland Lakes (336).

Boyne City's Nick Simeri also qualified as an individual with his third place finish in the boys slalom with a time of 31.41.

Harbor Springs made it a team sweep capturing the boys meet with 45 points. Petoskey (82) was second followed by Iron Mountain (134.5), Houghton (181), Char/EJ (185.5), Ironwood (204), Boyne City (208), Kingsford (210), Inland Lakes (307.5) and West Iron County (313).

The Rams were led by John Ramer, who placed first in slalom (28.76) and first in GS (53.97), and Jeff Hofacker, who was runner up in both slalom (29.83) and GS (54.20).

Boyne hosts ski academy

BOYNE FALLS - The Northern Michigan Ski Academy held a giant slalom race on Saturday, Feb. 18, Boyne Mountain. More than 85 racers participated in this President's Day weekend race.

The top three finishers in each age group were:
Girls 7 and under - Kylee Chojnaeki (1:04.16), Abby Bohnet (1:04.92), Winter Vinecki (1:07.72).
Boys 7 and under - Griffin Powers (1:01.22), Matt Good (1:02.18), Aspen Putnam (1:04.04).
Girls 8-9 - Kylie Hicks (57.36), Stephanie Sylvain (57.72), Paige Hornbeck (1:01.23).
Boys 8-9 - Lukas Sendlhofer (48.16), Garret Lundteigen (58.34), Shea Fuhrman (58.91).
Girls 10-11 - Lexie Harding (52.13), Claire Cunningham (52.80), Reilly Philliben (53.08).
Boys 10-11 - Alex Gooch (55.22), Noah Honaker (55.88), Collin Kruzel (55.91).
Girls 12-13 - Morgan Harding (48.03), Laine Ludwig (49.38), Andi Shepherd (41.41).
Boys 12-13 - Jeremy Dominey (51.85), Neil Anderson (53.22), Alan Mathers (53.44).
Girls 14 and up - Kayla Elias (48.84), Mary Gocha (49.24).
Boys 14 and up - Zach Smith (Utica) (46.97), Joe Left (48.64), Michael Dryden (54.63).

The next Northern Michigan Ski Academy Race will be the final Tecnica Cup Qualifier Races, slalom and giant slalom, at Boyne Highlands on Sunday, Feb. 26.

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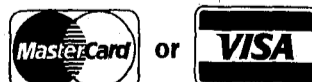
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christopher G. Peck and Tina M. Peck, husband and wife as joint tenants, original mortgagor (s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2005, and recorded on June 13, 2005 in Liber 686 on Page 107, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee as assignee by an assignment dated January 25, 2006, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight And 06/100 Dollars (\$91,248.06), including interest at 9.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on March 17, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2 of the Plat of Zoulek Woods, as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2006

For more information, please call:
 FC H 248.593.1300
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200
 Bingham Farms, Michigan
 48025-5822
 File #082704F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHAEL J. PISCHNER, a MARRIED MAN and AMY J. PISCHNER, to RESIDENTIAL LENDING CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated August 26, 2003, and recorded on September 11, 2003, in Liber 570, on Page 686, and assigned by said mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$148,135.42), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on March 24, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of MARION, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as: BEGINNING AT A 1 / 2 ROD AT THE WEST 1 / 4 CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1 / 4 LINE OF SAID SECTION AND ALONG THE CENTER-LINE OF FERRY ROAD SOUTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 359.10 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF FERRY ROAD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID 1 / 4 LINE AND ALONG THE SAID CENTER-LINE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 67.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 50.61 FEET TO A 1 / 2 INCH ROD ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 12 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 365.25 FEET TO A 1 / 2 INCH ROD; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 50.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST. TAX ID NO. 009-015-013-15

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 16, 2006

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
 23100 Providence Drive,
 Suite 450
 Southfield, MI 48075
 Client I.D. GMAC.0518

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joanne Snyder, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2004, and recorded on April 12, 2004 in Liber 607 on Page 800, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston HEAT 2004-3 as assignee by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four And 97/100 Dollars (\$123,264.97), including interest at 7.21% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on March 3, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at Northwest corner of Lot 278, Block 16 of Nicholls and Morgan's 3rd Addition to South Boyne; thence along the North line of

said Lot South 88 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds East 116.40 feet; thence South 1 degree 30 minutes 26 seconds West 131.68 feet to the South line of Lot 279, Block 16 of said plat; thence along South line of said Lot 279, North 88 degrees 26 minutes 24 seconds West 116.44 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 279; thence along West line of said Lot 278 and 279 also being East line Park Street North 1 degree 33 minutes 27 seconds East 132.18 (recorded as 132 feet) to the point of beginning, being part of Lots 278 and 279, Block 16 of Nicholls and Morgan's Addition to South Boyne.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2006

For more information, please call:
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 48025-5822
 File #069486F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM BANKS STOKES III, A SINGLE MAN and BRENDA KATHLEEN KOLINSKE, A SINGLE WOMAN, to FMB-NORTHWESTERN BANK, Mortgagee, dated August 3,

1996, and recorded on September 11, 1996, in Liber 305, on Page 507, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$25,279.59), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on March 17, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as: LOT(S) 33, ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF JERSEY'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AND AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10. TAX ID NO. 051-050-033-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 8, 2006

GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
 Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
 23100 Providence Drive,
 Suite 450
 Southfield, MI 48075
 Client I.D. GMAC.0382

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION
 The East Jordan City Commission met in regular session, February 7, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Postma presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amounts of \$310,286.44.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Police Monthly Reports, December 2005; approve Elm Pointe rental request; acknowledged receipt of Introduction to Ordinance #195A; approved Civic Center use request; approved the dissolving of the Elm Pointe Trust Fund and authorized the sale of Firewood and Ice at the Tourist park by the Lions Club for the 2006 season.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

Lori M. Campbell, CMC
 City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
 City of Boyne City

The Board of Review for the City of Boyne City will meet at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2006	9:00 a.m. (organizational meeting only)
Monday, March 20, 2006	Noon - 3:00 pm (by appointment only) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (by appointment only)
Wednesday, March 22, 2006	9:00 am - Noon (by appointment only) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (by appointment only)

The City of Boyne City tentative ratios and multipliers, subject to change by the Assessing Officer, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization are as follows:

	Tentative Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	48.91	1.02229
Industrial	49.49	1.00000
Residential	46.27	1.08061
Personal	50.00	1.00000

You may call City Hall at 582-6597 between the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday to schedule a 10 minute appointment with the Board of Review for the March 20 or March 22 meeting.

Cindy Grice, City Clerk/Treasurer

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

This notice is to let you know that the price of the Dog licenses **DOUBLES** as of March 1.

Prices will be as follows:
 • Male & Female.....\$20.00
 • Spayed/Neutered....\$10.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 CITY OF EAST JORDAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of East Jordan will hold a public hearing on the East Jordan Community Recreational Plan 2006-2011 for the purpose of receiving public comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at the following location: **East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.**

Copies of the draft East Jordan Community Recreational Plan 2006-2011 will be available for public inspection during regular business hours beginning on February 14, 2006 and continuing through March 16, 2006 at the following locations: East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan and the Jordan Valley District Library, One Library Lane, East Jordan, Michigan. The draft will also be available for review on-line at www.eastjordancity.org. Written comments received through March 21, 2006, will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to the East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727. This public review and comment period is required prior to the East Jordan Community Recreation Plan 2006-2011 being officially adopted.

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Super Crossword

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- 1 From the top
 - 5 Pride of the pumped-up
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 - 13 Dirty
 - 19 118 Across' mistress
 - 20 Way off base?
 - 21 Director Kazan
 - 22 Agenda item
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 - 24 Melodious McEntire
 - 25 Monastery dweller
 - 26 Kindle
 - 27 He became a Realtor because ...
 - 31 Form a cylinder
 - 32 Broad st.
 - 33 Savage sorts
 - 34 Alarm
 - 38 It may be strapless
 - 39 Emulates Simon
 - 41 Hibiscus garland
 - 44 She became a pharmacist because ...
 - 48 — squash
 - 50 Tropical tree
 - 51 Wrinkly dog
 - 52 Diva
 - 53 Halloween
 - 54 Raptor leature
 - 57 Texas landmark
 - 59 Out of gas
 - 60 — Na Na
 - 63 Scold and scold
 - 64 Bolted the beans
 - 65 Formerly
 - 67 Dispel
 - 70 He became an explorer because ...
 - 75 Get wind of
 - 76 Cad
 - 77 Watching machines?
 - 78 Season firewood
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 - 80 Formal ceremony
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 - 84 Exhausted
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 - 89 Clarke or West
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 - 100 Horde of humpbacks
 - 101 Not that
 - 102 Oil apparatus
 - 103 Least light-hearted
 - 104 Wet blanket
 - 106 Address abbr.
 - 107 — vu
 - 109 He became an electrician because ...
 - 116 — out (aided)
 - 118 Hammett hound
 - 119 Small businessman?
 - 120 Vociferate
 - 122 Elevated
 - 123 Author Uris
 - 124 "— She Sweet" ("27 song)
 - 125 Cooper's tool
 - 126 Size up
 - 127 Drops the ball
 - 128 Family members, to many
 - 129 Part of Q.E.D.
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 - 9 Dislodgment
 - 10 Isolated
 - 11 Ho Chi —
 - 12 Literary pen name
 - 13 Post
 - 14 Senator Hatch
 - 15 Jeremy of "Waterland"
 - 16 Praise
 - 17 USNA grad
 - 18 HST's successor
 - 28 Schipa solo
 - 29 Writer Paretzky
 - 30 With diffidence
 - 34 "For shame!"
 - 35 Palindromic cry
 - 36 "Fantasia" frame
 - 37 Nab a gnat
 - 38 Plead
 - 39 Exercise expert Richard
 - 40 Cashew kin
 - 41 Couldn't stand
 - 42 Directional suffix
 - 43 Calligraphy supply
 - 45 Highest point
 - 46 Partyhose problem
 - 47 Soup veggie
 - 48 Gibbon or gorilla
 - 49 Vulgar
 - 55 Comic Sothem
 - 56 Woodworking tool
 - 57 From — Z
 - 58 Boxing blows
 - 59 Neutral tone
 - 60 "Quiet!"
 - 61 TV's "—"
 - 66 "— of Love" ('64 smash)
 - 68 Grand —
 - 69 Mistaken
 - 71 Historian Durant
 - 72 Oracle site
 - 73 "— had it!"
 - 74 Rock's — at Work
 - 81 — kwon do
 - 83 Neighbor of Ger.
 - 84 Dejected
 - 85 Soybean product
 - 86 Traveler's aid
 - 87 Maestro de Waaert
 - 88 Grate stuff
 - 89 Ryan or Foster
 - 91 Knot it!
 - 92 — and outs
 - 93 NCO
 - 96 Dondi and Annie
 - 97 "Ars longa, — brevis"
 - 98 Protests
 - 99 "There oughta be —!"
 - 101 Exchanges
 - 104 Contradict
 - 105 61 Down host
 - 106 Play boy?
 - 107 D.D. Emmett tune
 - 108 Happening
 - 109 They're sometimes hugged?
 - 110 Auction
 - 111 — friendly
 - 112 Act like an antelope
 - 113 Basra's locale
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 - 115 Signor Ferrari
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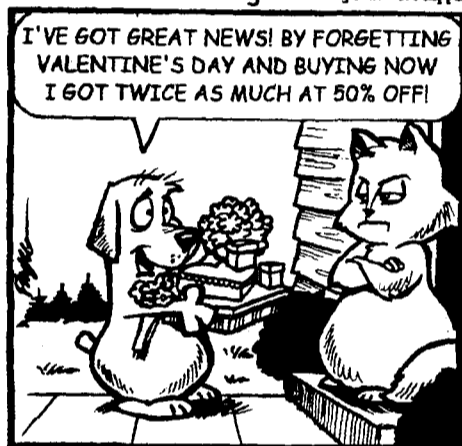
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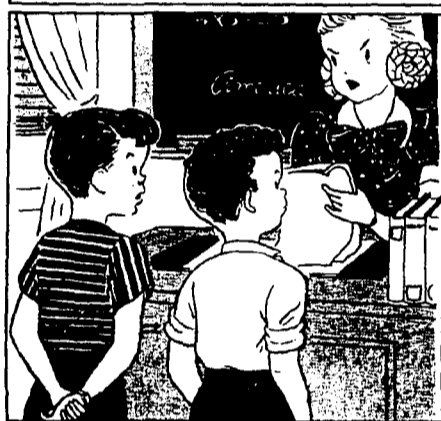


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"I know my essay on 'Our Dog' is the same as Jim's—it's the same dog."

MISTER BREGER

By Dave Breger



"No, no, Doctor. Over here ...!"

HUBERT

By Dick Wingert



"And who do we notify in case of injury?"

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Sudoku Answers

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Students commerate President's Day

BY B. J. HETLER
Contributing writer

BOYNE CITY - The halls of Boyne City Middle School on Thursday were filled with students as usual, but sightings of historic U.S. presidents were reported among the crowd.

A short investigation revealed that the characters were actually eighth-grade students who participated in the school's annual Presidents' Day commemoration by wearing presidential costumes. Social studies teacher Peg Wilcox was one of the organizers of the event.

Jay Brown, whose costume replicated Thomas Jefferson, said the third U.S. president invented the dumbwaiter, loved to play

the violin, and signed official documents "Mr. Jefferson," instead of "President Jefferson."

The morning activities included identification of the subject matter of political cartoons, reading a play about Thomas Jefferson, solving a political crossword puzzle, and creating a handprint flag. Students were expected to participate in most of the activities and were issued this notice:

"Reminder: If you don't elect to participate in the selection process, your democratic rights will be forfeited and a dictatorship takes over (in other words, if you don't pick, we pick for you)."

Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" blasting over gymnasium speakers

announced the assembly held later in the morning. Student Kelsey Kruzal sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and winners of contests were announced.

Student Brittany Herrmann won first place for her essay on an American hero. She wrote about her horse "Stormy" who helped her through hard times. Her essay is now part of a statewide competition where 10 top entries will be recognized in April.

The middle school science class had fresh snow in the afternoon to try out the sleds they built from cardboard and tape. Teams of students designed the sleds and experimented with mass, acceleration, friction and air resistance, science teacher Susan Mar-



Students represented four presidents and a former first lady, from left, Jay Brown as Thomas Jefferson, Kelsey Kruzal as Hillary Rodham Clinton, Beau Firlirk as William Howard Taft, Tom Stevens as George Washington and Mike Curtis as John Quincy Adams.

tin said. The "Duck'inator" sled won first place in the Annual Cardboard Classic. Its team members were Emma Stuewer, Cameron Robinson, Dalton Henning and Francisco Martinez.

Ogden

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can't do multiplication or division without a calculator - he did read a lot. Never fiction - only textbooks. Not caring about school meant that Ogden wasn't always performing at grade level, and was behind other students in some ways. He never doubted his own abilities, though. Even when his ideas were not accepted by his peers, he was indifferent. "I am just enough bull-headed," he said. "I am already associated with so many people in town - and they already know I am different. That can be beneficial."

But how does a 17-year-old (his birthday was Dec. 30) cope with being "different"?

"Everything about the way I thought was different. Not better. Not worse," he said. "Different. And I like

it. It's given me a lot of unique opportunities."

It has led him to a little store front on Esterly Street, in the stone building that was formerly Stark's Realty, across the street from the Computer Center - his competition. Friendly competition, that is. Ogden and Sandy Whiteford, owner of the Computer Center, have a good relationship, and Ogden believes that their areas of expertise will complement each other.

"I can grow out of this office," Ogden said, "but I can't grow a whole lot, because competition still exists. I don't want to try and monopolize the market, or run anyone out of business." Besides, the storefront is the only thing that is new about Ogden's computer repair business - he has been doing this for some time now.

What changed was the

scope of the business - not just repair, but computer services.

East Jordan Area Chamber director Mary Faculak had a project she needed Ogden for, and to accomplish it, he needed room to work more efficiently, he said. He is now providing E-Bay sales for Faculak's retail clothing stores, where he effectively provides a way for her to clearance her sale items via the internet. He is doing the same thing for Keith Buhlman, former owner of Big Meadow Equipment, by selling his leftover stock. While Ogden doesn't envision a lot of growth in that area at this time, he is glad to have joined with Faculak on this venture - another case of the right place and time.

Ogden plans to provide his customers with basic computer troubleshooting

and repair, as well as assistance, including one-on-one training.

"I will do anything that you can talk me into that's computer-related," he said.

Will he still be repairing computers when he's 35? "Maybe, maybe not," he said. "I get tired of things fast. I am planning to go to college and getting a job in network administration. I might never have to open the cover of a computer in that job."

He doesn't worry too much about people thinking his age could be a handicap in business.

"Everyone says how much young people know about computers, so it's not that big of an issue," he said, adding that if he had gone into another line of work - say tax preparation - his age

might have a more negative impact on public perception. Besides, he said, "I already have the support of the community - if I went to a different town, I might be somewhat concerned."

But maybe not. Ogden exudes confidence, forthrightness (he is a computer whiz kid, but prefers to do spread sheets on paper, where they make more sense to him), and common sense. While acknowledging being out of the mainstream of his peers, Ogden does have some things in common with his classmates.

For Christmas he asked for an i-pod, and an "AC/DC" CD.

"That's something I have in common with other kids my age," he said. "A lot of them like classic rock."

Drugs

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Reece agrees. "The new legislation will send a message that we're getting serious. It targets especially delivery. Too many things you can get just a slap on the hand for - this isn't one," he said. "Hopefully with education, parental awareness, we can get the message across that look, this is a life offence. It's not worth it to play around and dabble in drugs and the distribution of drugs with that kind of penalty."

Jarema also emphasized awareness as key in addressing the issues. The task force and associated agencies can deal with law enforcement, but Jarema believes that parents need to be aware of what their kids

are doing in their free time.

"Every child is exposed," Jarema said, adding that not every child chooses to use drugs. "The public needs to be aware, it's available and (your child) has to make that choice."

Jarema feels that DDT will contribute greatly to the prosecution of drug distributors, but would also like to see the public more involved with such things as townhall meetings and parent education and awareness classes or seminars (such as are being offered by East Jordan Public Schools).

Charlevoix County is the first in the state to implement this type of task force, and has applied for grants to help with community education, Jarema said.

Accident

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reaction they came from - toward the ice that was supporting them.

"Use the nails of your hands to get a grip on the unbroken surface of the ice, and advance by kicking your feet until you are out of the water. Once you are out, don't stand. Roll away from the breakthrough point until you reach solid ice. Take car keys out of your pockets immediately, or they could freeze fast to your clothing. Get

to warmth and safety quickly."

Standing or crawling on hands and feet on ice creates pressure points of greater intensity than rolling or crawling on your stomach, and could cause the ice to break.

Jay Peck, director of East Jordan EMS, also cautioned riders that the ice at the mouth of the river in the south arm of Lake Charlevoix is often unstable, and depths vary. In some areas near the boat launch, the water is very deep.

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